



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold public meetings of the Council and its Executive Committee.

DATES: The meetings will be held Tuesday, October 5, 2021 through Wednesday, October 6, 2021. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be conducted entirely by webinar. Webinar registration details will be available on the Council's website at <https://www.mafmc.org/briefing/october-2021>.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D. Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (302) 526-5255. The Council's website, www.mafmc.org also has details on the meeting location, proposed agenda, webinar listen-in access, and briefing materials.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items are on the agenda, although agenda items may be addressed out of order (changes will be noted on the Council's website when possible.)

Tuesday, October 5th

Executive Committee (Closed Session)

Recommend Spiny Dogfish Advisory Panel Vacancy Appointments

Executive Committee – 2022 Implementation Plan (Open Session)

Review progress on 2021 Implementation Plan

Review staff recommendations for 2022 actions and deliverables

Public comment opportunity

Approve draft actions and deliverables for further development in 2022

Implementation Plan

HMS Diet Study Report

Walt Golet, University of Maine / Gulf of Maine Research Institute

Chub Mackerel Specifications Review

Review recommendations from the Advisory Panel, SSC, and Monitoring Committee

Review previously set 2022 chub mackerel specifications and recommend any changes if necessary

Atlantic Mackerel Rebuilding

Review SSC's September 2021 meeting results regarding rebuilding

Provide additional guidance regarding rebuilding plan modifications, if appropriate

Wednesday, October 6th

Spiny Dogfish Specifications

Review SSC, Advisory Panel, Monitoring Committee, staff, and Committee recommendations for 2022 fishing year specifications

Review staff trip limit analysis

Review previously implemented 2022 specifications (including trip limit) and recommend changes if necessary.

Private Tilefish Reporting

Report from GARFO on Tilefish permitting and reporting numbers

North Atlantic Right Whales

Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team scoping for risk reduction measures
for Atlantic trap/pot and gillnet fisheries

Overview of June 2021 Scallop FMP Biological Opinion

New Incidental Take Statement, RPMs and Terms and Conditions, and Sea Turtle
Monitoring Plan

Business Session

Committee Reports (SSC, Executive Committee); Executive Director's Report;
Organization Reports; and Liaison Reports

Other Business and General Public Comment

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before
this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery
Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the
subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions will be restricted to those issues
specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice
that require emergency action under section 305(c).

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for
sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to Shelley Spedden,
(302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 8, 2021.

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